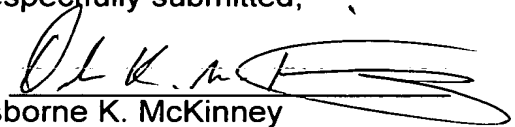


REMARKS

To distinguish over US Patent No. 5,741,594, Applicants elected to limit the claimed invention to those carpets characterized as having a homogeneously branched ethylene polymer adhesive backing material in intimate contact with the primary backing and that has substantially penetrated and consolidated the fibers. Support for the requirement of intimate contact and substantial penetration and consolidation can be found in the original specification at page 9, line 16 to page 10, line 7. Applicants believe the amendment to Claim 1 does not add any new matter and respectfully request entry of the amendment prior to examination of the application and reconsideration of the claimed invention in view of the amendment.

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